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INFO AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN
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FOR ASST SEC ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, CU, XA, TD
SUBJECT: CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA

REF: (A) STATE 117526, (B) STATE 108990

1. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO SHARE THE REFERENCED REPORTS ON CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA WITH TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WILLIAMS WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE FACTUAL INTELLIGENCE WE WERE ABLE TO SHARE WITH HIM EARLIER THIS YEAR REGARDING THE CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA. FURTHERMORE, HIS GOVERNMENT IS THE ONLY ONE AMONG THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN STATES WHICH HAS CONTINUED TO BE FORTHRIGHT IN OPPOSING CUBAN INTER-VENTION IN AFRICA.

2. THEREFORE, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO CONVEY TO HIM THE CURRENT BROADER SITUATION REPORTS AS WELL. EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT HE WILL HOLD KNOWLEDGE OF THE REPORTS VERY CLOSELY AND I WOULD NOT PROPOSE TO CONVEY THEM TO ANY OTHER OFFICIAL OF THE GOVERNMENT HERE. AS EVENTS EVOLVE IN SOUTHERN
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AFRICA, ALL THE AMMUNITION WE CAN PROVIDE TO WILLIAMS

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TO HOLD FIRM TO A REASONABLE COURSE IN THE FACE OF
THE VIEWS BEING EXPRESSED IN KINGSTON, GEORGETOWN AND
EVEN NOW IN BRIDGETOWN, WILL BE IMPORTANT. IT WILL
CONTINUE TO BE SIGNIFICANT IF ONE INFLUENTIAL
BLACK GOVERNMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN STAYS OFF THE CUBAN
AFRICA BANDWAGON, AND HE IS UNDER CONTRARY PRESSURES
IN THIS ELECTION PERIOD.
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